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RIDLEY-THOMAS APPLAUDS APPOINTMENT OF DARYL L. OSBY AS LA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF

Los Angeles—Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today applauded the appointment of Daryl L. Osby to the position of Los Angeles County Fire Chief.

“Daryl Osby’s impressive background makes him the right choice for this demanding job,” said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. “He has extensive executive experience, a comprehensive understanding of emergency fire and medical services and, of course, years of on-the-ground firefighting experience.

Osby, a 24-year firefighting veteran, has had an exemplary career, rising through the ranks, becoming the department’s first African American to be appointed to the rank of Chief Deputy and now Chief of the department. He was a top commander during many of the region’s most challenging fire crises, including the Catalina Island fire of 2007, the 2005 Topanga Fire and the California fire siege, when 15 wildfires ravaged Southern California in the space of one month. Also, after Hurricane Katrina, Osby was deployed to Louisiana for 18 days to assist with the devastated region’s comprehensive recovery planning.

The new Chief has a long history of community involvement and mentoring activities throughout the Los Angeles regions, including the L.A. Junior Firefighters Foundation, Youth for Excellence Foundation and the Inglewood YMCA, and he is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations for his service.

Osby earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Azusa Pacific University.

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